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FORESTS, ENVIRONMENT & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

No. 204/PCCF-PR.SECY/FEWMD/GoS

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## NOTIFICATION

The State Government of Sikkim has deemed it expedient and necessary to modify the Notification No. 282/PCCF /DFEWM/GoS dated: 27-02-2009 and notify the revised reliefs or Ex-gratia payment to the injured or to the legal heirs of the victims of depredation caused by the wild animals:

Whereas, frequent incidences of injuries to human life and property by Wildlife has come to the notice of the State Government.

And whereas, it is apprehended that the victims might kill or destroy wild animals by poisoning and may develop hostile behaviour.

I. Now therefore, in order to curb this menace, the State Government is hereby pleased to provide the following reliefs or Ex-gratia payment to the injured or to the legal heirs of the victims of depredation caused by the following animals, namely:

- |       |                    |                                   |
|-------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| (i)   | Tiger              | ( <i>Panthera tigris</i> )        |
| (ii)  | Snow Leopard       | ( <i>Panthera uncia</i> )         |
| (iii) | Bear               | ( <i>Selenarctus thibetanus</i> ) |
| (iv)  | Leopard or Panther | ( <i>Panthera pardus</i> )        |
| (v)   | Tibetan Wolf       | ( <i>Canis lupus chanco</i> )     |

a) The rate of Ex-gratia payment or relief has been categorized as follows, namely:

- |    |                        |   |                |
|----|------------------------|---|----------------|
| 1) | Human injury(simple)   | - | Rs. 10,000/-   |
| 2) | Human injury(grievous) | - | Rs. 50,000/-   |
| 3) | Human death            | - | Rs. 1,50,000/- |

- b) The rate of Ex-gratia payment for live-stock by Tiger, Snow-Leopard, Bear, Wolf, Common Leopard, Clouded Leopard, Fox, Jackal, Jungle Cat etc. shall be as follows, namely:

1)	Cow	-	Rs. 10,000/-
2)	Bull	-	Rs. 12,000/-
3)	Buffalo	-	Rs. 15,000/-
4)	Calf	-	Rs. 5,000/-
5)	Goat	-	Rs. 6,000/-
6)	Sheep	-	Rs. 5,000/-
7)	Pony	-	Rs. 5,000/-
8)	Yak/Dzo	-	Rs. 15,000/-
9)	Chicken	-	Rs.300/-kg and 150/-chick below 1 kg

- II. The rate of Ex-gratia payment of crop damaged by Monkey, Wild boar, Bear, Porcupine, Civet, Deer, Peacock shall be as follows namely:

1)	Cardamom	No. of rhizomes	@ Rs. 5/- each
2)	Maize	No. of rhizomes	@ Rs. 5/- each
3)	Paddy	Area damaged	Assessment based on market value
4)	Millet	-do-	-do-
5)	Potato	-do-	-do-
6)	Tubers(simal tarul) (tapioca),(ghartarul) (squash)(sweet potato etc.)	-do-	-do-
7)	Buck wheat	-do-	-do-
8)	Wheat	-do-	-do-
9)	Oat/Barley	-do-	-do-
10)	Orange	-do-	-do-
11)	Guava	-do-	-do-
12)	Pear	-do-	-do-
13)	Peach	-do-	-do-
14)	Plum	-do-	-do-
15)	Apple	-do-	-do-
16)	Jackfruit	-do-	-do-
17)	Wood apple	-do-	-do-
18)	Banana	-do-	-do-
19)	Cauliflower	-do-	-do-
20)	Cabbage	-do-	-do-
21)	Peas	-do-	-do-
22)	Beans	-do-	-do-
23)	Soyabeans	-do-	-do-
24)	Mustered	-do-	-do-
25)	Ginger	-do-	-do-
26)	Sugar Cane	-do-	-do-
27)	Bamboo shoot, etc.	-do-	-do-

III. The Ex-gratia payment indicated above shall be paid only after making thorough assessment and fulfilment of the following conditions namely:

- a) The assessment of the crop damaged, verification of livestock loss and human injury and death shall be conducted by a person not below the rank of Assistant Conservator of Forests/ Range Officer of Territorial Division/Wildlife Division/Gram Bikash Kandra of respective jurisdictions along with V.L.O. from Land Revenue Department, Agriculture/Horticulture Inspector and Compounder of AH & Vet Services and Fisheries Department with relevant documentary and pectoral evidence. The verification/assessment report need to be signed by at least 2/3 numbers of above.
- b) Relief or Ex-gratia payment shall not be made for any incident (Sl. No. I & II of this Notification) occurring within the boundaries of Reserve Forests and Protected Areas (PAs), instead the action against the offender shall be initiated as per prevailing Act.
- c) Killing livestock/crop damage and human conflict should be reported within 48(Forty eight) hours to the nearest Office of the Territorial Range or Wildlife Range or nearest Police Station.
- d) The animal killed should not be removed from the site or smeared with pesticides etc. the area of crop damage should be left undisturbed till the assessment has been made by the above officials
- e) No flesh should be removed from the carcass by the owner for eating or other purpose.
- f) The verification should be done in the presence of cattle/crop owner and the local Pañchayats. The verification/inspection/ assessment report of the above officials regarding cattle/crop damages should be supported with witness and relevant pictorial documentary proofs .
- g) Ex-gratia payment indicated above shall be paid only after production of a Medical Certificate from the Government Hospital and in case of crop damage certified by concerned Panchayats, EDCs & JFMCs.

This Notification supersedes Notification No. 139/WL/F/97/08 dated July 20,1999 published in extraordinary gazette number 168 dated the 21<sup>st</sup> July,1999 and Notification No.282/PCCF/DFEWM/GoS dated:27.02.2009

**By order and in the name of the Governor.**

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Forests, Env. & Wildlife Management Department  
File No. 261/WL/F/06**